

# Minutes and Notes from June 28, 2006

## Quality of Life Committee for ACCC

### Sacaton, AZ – Gila Bend Reservation

Present:

Donald Brooks

Marcey DiCaro

Amelia Enos

Patricia Harmon

Brenda Keith

Pattie King

Susan Leigh

- 1) The Contact List was reviewed and updated: several errors are still present: for the mailing of these minutes - please review this attachment and return any corrections. Marcey DiCaro has not been receiving e-mails.
- 2) Don Brooks provided the committee with an update of a brief summary of the last general coalition meeting and content.  
One item that come from this discussion is the need for committee chairs to be specifically identified and their contact information distributed to enhance committee cross talk.
- 3) Specifically pertaining to that above is the desire for the QOL committee to see a comprehensive resource listing successfully completed: several committee members, including Brenda Keith and Patricia Harmon (as well as several not present today) have expressed interest in providing assistance. Brenda Keith will contact Becky Howard to determine current needs.
- 4) Don Brooks then reviewed the University of Arizona's evaluation process in place to help each committee focus on its goals and adequately document its progress. The Logic model was reviewed; the need for adequate documentation for the ongoing funding of this effort was also reviewed. The latter part of the presentation was a review of specific objectives/strategies and of actions in place to meet those.
- 5) Brenda Keith then reviewed the variety of models and philosophy for navigation present in the country: significant discussion by all, including Pattie King regarding defining and showing outcomes for this process followed.
- 6) Marcey DiCaro reviewed the Sunstone Cancer Guides program: with all of the training and client specific service involved: this program could serve as a cornerstone for professional navigation/guidance personnel and the possibility of an annual retreat / workshop for all in the state to update all professionals

and provide a communication network was proposed: Sunstone will investigate the feasibility of this.

- 7) Susie Leigh and Patricia Harmon provided an update on the formation of a survivorship training program that they, along with Arizona Oncology Associates and Bag It! are actively designing. The proposal for initial funding from AOA is upcoming in the next month. That the UofA cancer center is interested was brought up, along with the possibility of design an outcome measure through Dr. Coons.
- 8) The pursuit of an active and successful Hospice awareness program was also discussed: leadership from this could come from several individuals who are not currently part of the committee, Dr. Paul Tatum or Dr. Maria Bishop, possibly DR. Chris Puca. Dr. Bishop (Tucson VA) has recently received a grant to develop core curriculum for medical students and residents for education about palliative and hospice care.
- 9) John Craft had arranged for a phone conference between himself, Richard Jones, MD (Aetna insurance) and Don Brooks regarding developing a one-day workshop to help health care professionals navigate insurance systems and use them optimally. The committee present felt this was an excellent idea and should be pursued further.
- 10) Next Planned Meeting: Thursday September 14 from 9-11 am, possibly at Northwest Medical Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Don Brooks